

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GARAMENDI OFFERS NEW DIRECTION TO CALIFORNIA COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi outlined his goals for the newly revitalized California Commission for Economic Development (CED) today at the first CED meeting of the year. As chair of the Commission, Garamendi plans to lead the CED in developing bipartisan policy solutions to critical long-term issues impacting California's economy. The Lt. Governor targeted harnessing the potential of green industries and answering the need for a highly skilled workforce as key to sustaining California's economic growth.

"The Commission has a tremendous opportunity to help California develop sound economic policies to build upon our state's record of leadership and innovation," Garamendi said. "California must prepare for the future by working toward achieving a sustainable growth economy and ensuring that our workforce has the skills to compete nationally and globally."

Meeting attendees included representatives from the Governor's Office, the legislature, state and local government agencies, educational and economic development organizations, and the business sector. Dr. Chris Thornberg of Beacon Economics and Wayne Schell of the California Association for Local Economic Development made presentations.

The CED was established in 1971 to provide strong bipartisan support and guidance to the Governor and Legislature on economic development policies in California. This Commission serves as an important forum for ongoing dialogue on economic issues between state government and the private sector. For more information about the CED, please visit <http://www.ltg.ca.gov/CED/>.

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